

ANYBODY CAN INVESTIGATE

THE DOCK BOARD MAY TRY IT ON THE

Commissioner Matthews Says the Dock Investigation Is Not Made in Good Faith—More Arrests Likely to Be Made.

Dock Commissioner Matthews told a SUN reporter yesterday that the Dock Department was not going to submit quietly to the badgering by the Commissioners of Accounts and the Corporation Counsel as exhibited in the investigation now going on into the affairs of the Dock Department. He said that the investiga-

The Dock Department, he said, will retaliate, but he will not attempt in any way to do so. He would not even attempt to investigate, but it will attempt to show that the two city departments now joined in the attack upon the Dock Department, namely, the Commissions of Accounts and the Law Department, are anything but the "big boys" of the city.

"The Corporation Counsel and the Commissioners of Accounts," said Mr. Matthews, "will very soon find themselves the subjects of an investigation. Within a week or ten days they will be under the microscope of the reporters in their departments. They are showing a disposition to fight, and they will find us ready. I am a fighter, myself. The public might just as well know the inside workings of the city government as to what is going on in the main section of the Consolidation act which will enable us to bring them to account in very short order."

Mr. Matthews referred to section 60 of the Consolidation act. It provides that any Alderman, Commissioner, member of the Board of Public Works, or clerk or deputy, or any other officer or employee of the city, who shall be guilty of any act or omission in violation of the provisions of the act, shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$100, or to imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

order of a Judge, upon an application based on affidavits of the Commissioner of the Department of Finance, or any one of the five Aldermen, any Commissioner of Accounts, or any five citizens who are taxpayers, provided that a Justice of the Supreme Court sign the application, and that the application be made at the court, or the office of the department, within forty-eight hours after the service of the writ, and that the application be based on an inquiry into any alleged misapplication of money or violation of law or neglect of duty. The Commissioner of Finance did not expect the Chairman to have to visit the two departments. What he said was:

I don't think it will be difficult to find five citizens who are taxpayers, and to get them to sign such an application. If there is any difficulty in securing them, I have no doubt that a Commissioner of Accounts could find them. I am sure the investigation, in fact, has already taken place to one Senator about it."

Mr. Matthews confirmed the statement that the Commissioner of Finance had intended. He

Clark was today only pending an investigation by the dockmaster, Mr. J. J. Bogert, by the Dock Commissioners, and the Commissioners. His accounts had produced no result, and he showed a reluctance in answering questions, but after giving up his accounts, which cast a shadow upon him.

Mr. Matthews said that Mr. Clark was mistaken in his opinion that he was not to be removed from the power of appointing Charles J. Thompson an assistant Dockmaster. Mr. Matthews said that he was not to do the duties of a dockmaster, or part of them, and detailing "laborers" as clerks to the dockmaster.

"It is a violation of law, I don't believe it is much of one," he said.

There were a number of rumors of coming arrests. The three visits that Inspector Forbes made to the investigation room on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Attorney's office yesterday morning. Corporation Counsel Clark was there to meet the dockmaster, Mr. J. J. Bogert, at the time in the inside office. No one would say anything about the meeting afterward. Mr.

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for of \$10,000 has passed to the city through other lands than mine and from May, 1905, to that date no collections therefrom were made, for the reason that in that time the pier was torn down, and so was unsuitable for wharfage. By publishing this you will oblige. Very respectfully,
C. H. FANDERBAST.
NEW YORK, NOV. 15.

Tammany Changes in the Fourteenth.
A change of the Tammany leadership in the Fourteenth Assembly district is being discussed. It is

ed by ex-Congressman John Kelly himself. He finds that he cannot spare the time to attend all the meetings and de- clines to accept the position. The local leaders of the party propose to retain the really paternal position he occupies in the Tammany organization, but he and the other Executive Committee and other time-consuming party leaders refuse. The party then elects John Kelly Jr., another change in the district organization of the party. Kelly Jr. is a very active man, and he has been for years from the places of activity in the committees that he holds. Therefore Kelly Jr. is popular in the neighborhood. The district organization of John K. Kelly Jr. is likely to be elected in his place.

Forged Checks.

CONCORD, N. H., Nov. 16.—Several days ago a check was received at the Pittsfield National Bank for \$210, drawn to the order of Lewis French and signed "H. A. Tuttle." The check had been cashed at the Fifth National Bank in New York City. When it was presented to Mr. Tuttle he pronounced it a forgery. Yesterday another check, for \$511, was received by the same bank from a national bank in New York City. It was reported to be drawn by Theodor A. Sargent, of Sumner, N. H., and was cashed at the Fifth National Bank. It also was a forgery. It is not definitely known that Lewis French is a forger, but he is known to be a man of no worth, and is known to have a blank check book of the Pittsfield National Bank.

A 14-Year-Old Forger.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 16.—Otto Brinson, a lad of 14 has been victimized by the First National Bank of Chicago. The boy, who is a native of the latter city, presented a check for a small amount signed by Dodd & Co., and since that date has been repeating the work. He had been told by a man who had been in the bank to fill out blank checks, so he said his father would use them. Then the lad forged Dodd & Co.'s name. The bank was deceived and the boy has been the owner of the check was correct. The boy is now in jail.

Coldest Day of the Season.

Yesterday was the coldest day so far this season in this city. The temperature at A. M. was 27°. It was cold everywhere, except in the Southern States near the central and east Gulf, where a storm developed and caused a slight increase in heat. There was rain in

Illinois, and snow in Missouri. Except for a flurry on snow in Michigan, the weather elsewhere was fair, with a few showers in the West. Tomorrow and today should be rainy and warmer in the central States. There was also a storm forming north of Minnesota, causing high winds in the Northwestern States.

In this city the day was fair; highest Government thermometer, 57°; lowest, 37°; average humidity, 65 per cent. wind fresh, northwest.

To-day promises to be fair and slightly warmer; Monday, rainy and warmer.

The thermometer at Ferry's pharmacy in New York shows the following temperatures at intervals of four hours: 3 A. M., 57°; 9 A. M., 52°; 9 A. M., 52°; 12 M., 57°; 3 P. M., 51°; 6 P. M., 50°; 9 P. M., 50°; 12 M., 57°; 3 P. M., 54°; 6 P. M., 57°; 9 P. M., 57°.

Average, 54½°. Average on Nov. 16, 1888, 50°.

LOCAL OFFICE FORECAST till 5 P. M. WEDNESDAY.

For the States of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and eastern New York, fair, warmer westerly wind, becoming variable.

For the States of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, rain, preceded by fair; no decided change in temperature; wind variable.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, rain; warmer, northeasterly wind, high on the coast.

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